

Project ECHO: Supporting children transitioning to adult palliative care services



Children's Hospices Across Scotland

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Project ECHO

Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is a **FREE** collaborative model of clinical education and care management that empowers professionals everywhere. CHAS as a Project ECHO Hub are using its methodology to provide enhanced care to more children in their community. CHAS believes that ECHO could work well to provide professionals working in adult palliative care services with an unparalleled forum to network, receive peer support and to share knowledge and best practice around the **care of young adults transitioning from children's hospices.**



Children in Scotland requiring Palliative Care (ChiSP) 2

Children in Scotland requiring Palliative Care (ChiSP) 2 identified there are **15,949** children aged between **0-21** with palliative care needs in Scotland. Of these children **4,609** are in the **12-18** age bracket and **2,108** are in the **19-21** age bracket.



Education Programme Topics

The education programme for ECHO Young Adults Transition and Beyond Community Practice offers a range of topics including:

- Referral and transition to adult hospices
- Common conditions in young adults (epilepsy, complex needs, DMD)
- Legislative policy and guidance (ACP/CYPADM/GIRFEC/CYP ACT/ capacity and consent/guardianship)
- Commissioning services (local authority funding, fundraising)
- Managing risk and emergency care (choking, resuscitation)
- End of life care and bereavement (identifying the differences)
- Professional resilience (self care)

Outcomes

Participants outcomes are; to increase knowledge and skills, make better links with professionals across Scotland and deliver continuity of care.

Video Conferencing

By using videoconferencing to conduct virtual meetings with multiple healthcare providers simultaneously, ECHO offers:

- Learning opportunities for professional revalidation and CPD
- Collaboration, support and ongoing learning
- Innovative ways to support children improved communication links between professionals

Feedback

Feedback received to date has been positive reporting ECHO clinics as:

- “Very informative and thought provoking”
- “Will help to guide local education sessions”
- “Really well set up, presented, chaired and coordinated”

There are already over 188 participants registered with CHAS Project ECHO, from developed communities of practice in the areas of; CHAS Senior Clinicians, Introduction to Paediatric Palliative Care, Independent Prescribers and Children and young people with cancer palliative group. There are 13 ECHO clinics scheduled for the remainder of 2019.

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